

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

ADJUSTMENT OF RATES OF AUXIER ROAD)
GAS COMPANY, INC., FOR AN INCREASE)
IN GAS RATES)
CASE NO. 8768

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that Auxier Road Gas Company, Inc., ("Auxier Road"), shall file an original and seven copies of the following information with the Commission by May 19, 1983. If the information requested or a motion for an extension of time is not filed by the stated date, the Commission may dismiss the case without prejudice. Auxier Road shall furnish with each response the name of the witness who will be available at the public hearing for responding to questions concerning each item of information requested.

1.) Provide a breakdown of rate case expenses of \$4,100, including hourly fees (e.g. attorney's fees, accounting fees), and the total amount of hours estimated.

2.) Provide a verification of the figures listed on Exhibit 4, page 2 which were used to arrive at the purchased gas cost of 3/1/83 wholesale rates of \$451,998.62. If these figures are correct the proper cost should be \$443,389.13, a difference of \$8,609.49.

3.) Provide a summary breakdown of the items included in miscellaneous general expense (account 930) of \$6,749 for the test period.

4.) Provide verification that uncollectible accounts of \$1,775 for 1982 are actual rather than an estimate. If actual, have any of these amounts since, been collected? Were all of these uncollectibles for service during the test year? If estimates, provide the method used to arrive at the expense of \$1,775.

5.) Provide any climatological data and workpapers supporting the temperature adjustment calculation of Exhibit 3, page 3 of the application. Provide the calculations and/or methods used to arrive at test period degree days. Provide the time period and method used to arrive at normal degree days.

6.) Regarding proposed salary adjustments of \$9,874, provide the following:

- A. The names of the employees receiving adjustments.
- B. Their salaries for the test period and their proposed salaries for 1983.
- C. A list of duties performed and any additional duties expected to be performed in 1983.
- D. The amount of hours worked weekly per employee and any additional hours estimated to be worked in 1983. If any of this labor is devoted to other than utility operations, state the percentage of time spent on non utility operations during the test period.
- E. The reasons for each increase.
- F. The specific accounts affected (e.g. meter reading labor, supervision, accounting and collecting, etc.).

7.) Regarding transportation equipment (account 392) and power operated equipment (account 396), provide the following:

- A. A breakdown of all items included in these accounts.
- B. The original cost of these items.
- C. The present book value of these items.
- D. A description of the uses of these items.

E. Are these items used solely in utility operations of the Auxier Road Gas Company? If any of these items are used for purposes other than those connected with utility operations of Auxier Road Gas, provide the estimated percentage of time used in non utility operations.

8.) Regarding the Meters account (#381), provide the following:

A. Copies of the ledger sheets showing all items in this account.

B. An explanation why this account increased by \$20,065 in 1981, including in the explanation the costs of new meters purchased, the number of new meters purchased, and whether there were any retirements of old meters. If no retirement, why not?

9.) Refer to exhibit 3, page 3 - Why was 1.03 used as the line loss when in exhibit 4, page 2, 1.03 is shown as line loss but 1.05 is used in the actual calculation? Which figure is correct - 1.03 or 1.05? Provide corrections accordingly and monthly analysis of Mcf sales and purchases during the test year.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 3rd day of May, 1983.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


For the Commission

ATTEST:

Secretary